

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

MENTORING MONTH

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the future course of the State of North Carolina and our nation rests on the shoulders of our youth, and educated, confident and nurtured children will give rise to a stronger state and nation; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that mentoring has a positive impact on young people by increasing attendance at school, improving rates of high-school graduation and college attendance, and decreasing involvement with drugs, alcohol and violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, there are over 500,000 children in North Carolina and 16 million children in this country who are seeking a mentor, and many of these children are currently on waiting lists for a mentor; and

WHEREAS, *Mentoring Month* emphasizes the importance of mentoring and recognizes, with praise and gratitude, the many North Carolina citizens already involved in mentoring; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of *Mentoring Month* encourages more people to volunteer as mentors, to the benefit of young children in North Carolina and nationwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2006, as "**MENTORING MONTH**" in North Carolina and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of and volunteer involvement with youth mentoring.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.